City of Las Vegas

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## AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 7, 2009

## **SUBJECT:**

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

## Minutes:

ANTHONY HODGES believes that many assemblymen should leave office, including the governor. He agrees with MAYOR GOODMAN'S representation regarding the stimulus monies and thinks that the government is sending mixed messages to military troops concerning the war.

RASHAN JOSHUA COLLINS, activist and Christian, expressed his ongoing concern for treason and the homeless being abused. He informed the Council that he had been in jail for the past four months for trespassing. He did not believe that many of the judges nor the Councilmembers are familiar with certain laws, specifically Title 10 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. COUNCILMAN REESE rebutted that the City Attorney is the advisor for the Council. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that the Councilmembers may not know the specific numbers, but they are familiar with the essence of the laws.

MR. COLLINS felt that many government officials believe they are above the law, but he hopes that good morals would one day be their stance. He emphasized that this is a Christian nation, founded on Christian principles, and that everyone should give their lives to Jesus Christ.

DOROTHY BARNES gave her mailing address and commented on a recent incident with the police regarding her sign soliciting help, for which she obtained the required permit. She also mentioned that her name was still on a list regarding illegal activity and she received a ticket for sleeping on private property. She believes that everyone should abide by the laws.

COUNCILMAN REESE announced that there was staff available in the audience to advise anyone in need of assistance.

IVO PLECKO, founder of Piters LLC, reminded the Council about an invitation addressed to the Council and Planning Commission to visit a local facility that manufactures homes, which could be provided for the homeless. This is something that the City can take advantage of, especially in the area around the Rescue Mission. If interested, the Council or any individual can respond by e-mail and a meeting will be arranged.

TODD FARLOW pleaded for the Council's assistance with the property located at 236 North 19th Street. The property was foreclosed and there are now slumlords looking at the property.

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He was advised by a staff member that the City did not want the property because it is too old and the City would have to pay a premium on its contract. The house is over 60 years old and is in dire need of repairs, but it has a great foundation. He believed there is a safety issue, so he would like the City to post a sign on the property that it needs an inspection, which should cease the slumlords' interest. He mentioned he is considering buying the house and salvaging it for a good family.

